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shall be paid or sent to the office stated in the billing notice, or if none, to the Privacy Officer processing the request. Where appropriate, payment may be required in the form of certified check.

(d) A copying fee totaling \$1 or less shall be waived, but the copying fees for contemporaneous requests by the same individual shall be aggregated to determine the total fee.

A copying fee shall not be charged or collected, or alternatively, it may be reduced, when it is determined by the Privacy Officer, based on a petition therefor, that the petitioning individual is indigent and that Department resources permit a waiver of all or part of the fee. An individual is deemed to be indigent when without income or resources sufficient to pay the fees.

(e) Special and additional services provided at the request of the individual, such as certification or authentication, postal insurance and special mailing arrangement costs, will be charged to the individual in accordance with other published regulations of the Department pursuant to statute (for example, 31 U.S.C. 483a).

(f) This section applies only to individuals making requests under this part. To the extent an individual makes a request under the Freedom of Information Act, as provided in § 4b.1(e) (2), (3) and (5), the fees provisions of this chapter shall apply. All other persons shall remain subject to fees and charges prescribed by other and appropriate authorities.

§ 4b.12 Penalties.

(a) The Act provides, in pertinent part:

Any person who knowingly and willfully requests or obtains any record concerning an individual from an agency under false pretenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3)).

(b) A person who falsely or fraudulently attempts to obtain records under the Act also may be subject to prosecution under such other criminal statutes as 18 U.S.C. 494, 495 and 1001.

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§ 4b.13 General exemptions.

(a) Individuals may not have access to records maintained by the Department but which were provided by another agency which has determined by regulation that such information is subject to general exemption under 5 U.S.C. 552a(j). If such exempt records are within a request for access, the Department will advise the individual of their existence and of the name and address of the source agency. For any further information concerning the record and the exemption, the individual must contact that source agency.

(b) The general exemptions determined to be necessary and proper with respect to systems of records maintained by the Department, including the parts of each system to be exempted, the provisions of the Act from which they are exempted, and the justification for the exemption, are as follows:

(1) *Individuals identified in Export Administration compliance proceedings or investigations—COMMERCE/ITA-1.* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), these records are hereby determined to be exempt from all provisions of the Act, except 5 U.S.C. 552a (b), (c) (1) and (2), (e)(4) (A) through (F), (e) (6), (7), (9), (10), and (11), and (i). These exemptions are necessary to insure the proper functioning of the law enforcement activity, to protect confidential sources of information, to fulfill promises of confidentiality, to maintain the integrity of the law enforcement process, to avoid premature disclosure of the knowledge of criminal activity and the evidentiary bases of possible enforcement actions, to prevent interference with law enforcement proceedings, to avoid disclosure of investigative techniques, and to avoid the endangering of law enforcement personnel. Section 7(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1969, as amended, also protects this information from disclosure.

(2) *Fisheries Law Enforcement Case Files—COMMERCE/NOAA-11.* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), these records are hereby determined to be exempt from all provisions of the Act, except 5 U.S.C. 552a (b), (c) (1) and (2), (e) (4) (A) through (F), (e) (6), (7), (9), (10), and (11), and (i). These exemptions are necessary to insure the proper functioning

of the law enforcement activity, to protect confidential sources of information, to fulfill promises of confidentiality, to prevent interference with law enforcement proceedings, to avoid the disclosure of investigative techniques, to avoid the endangering of law enforcement personnel, to avoid premature disclosure of the knowledge of criminal activity and the evidentiary bases of possible enforcement actions, and to maintain the integrity of the law enforcement process.

(3) *Investigative Records—Contract and Grant Frauds and Employee Criminal Misconduct—COMMERCE/DEPT-12.*

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), these records are hereby determined to be exempt from all provisions of the Act, except 5 U.S.C. 552a (b), (c) (1) and (2), (e)(4) (A) through (F), (e) (6), (7), (9), (10), and (11), and (i). These exemptions are necessary to insure the proper functions of the law enforcement activity, to protect confidential sources of information, to fulfill promises of confidentiality, to prevent interference with law enforcement proceedings, to avoid the disclosure of investigative techniques, to avoid the endangering of law enforcement personnel, to avoid premature disclosure of the knowledge of criminal activity and the evidentiary bases of possible enforcement actions, and to maintain the integrity of the law enforcement process.

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§ 4b.14 Specific exemptions.

(a) Some systems of records under the Act which are maintained by the Department contain, from time to time, material subject to the exemption appearing at 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1), relating to national defense and foreign policy materials. The systems of records published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by the Department which are within this exemption are:

COMMERCE/ITA-1, COMMERCE/ITA-2,
COMMERCE/ITA-3, COMMERCE/NOAA-11,
COMMERCE/PAT-TM-4, COMMERCE/
PAT-TM-6, COMMERCE/PAT-TM-7, COM-
MERCE/PAT-TM-8, COMMERCE/PAT-TM-
9, COMMERCE/DEPT-12, COMMERCE/
DEPT-13, and COMMERCE/DEPT-14.

The Department hereby asserts a claim to exemption of such materials wherever they might appear in such systems of records, or any systems of records, at present or in the future. The materials would be exempt from 5 U.S.C. 552a (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4) (G), (H), and (I), and (f). The reason therefor is to protect the materials required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense and foreign policy.

(b) The specific exemptions determined to be necessary and proper with respect to systems of records maintained by the Department, including the parts of each system to be exempted, the provisions of the Act from which they are exempted, and the justification for the exemption, are as follows:

(1) *Exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1).* The systems of records exempt hereunder appear in paragraph (a) of this section. The claims for exemption of COMMERCE/DEPT-12, COMMERCE/ITA-1, and COMMERCE/NOAA-11 under this paragraph are subject to the condition that the general exemption claimed in § 4b.13(b)(3) is held to be invalid.

(2) *Exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).* The systems of records exempt (some only conditionally), the sections of the Act from which exempted, and the reasons therefor are as follows:

(i) Individuals identified in Export Administration compliance proceedings or investigations—COMMERCE/ITA-1, but only on condition that the general exemption claimed in § 4b.13(b)(1) is held to be invalid;

(ii) Individuals involved in export transactions—COMMERCE/ITA-2;

(iii) Fisheries Law Enforcement Case Files—COMMERCE/NOAA-11, but only on condition that the general exemption claimed in § 4b.13(b)(2) is held to be invalid;

(iv) Investigative Records—Contract and Grant Frauds and Employee Criminal Misconduct—COMMERCE/DEPT-12, but only on condition that the general exemption claimed in § 4b.13(b)(3) is held to be invalid;

(v) Investigative Records—Persons Within the Investigative Jurisdiction of the Department—COMMERCE/DEPT-13;